

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Boriani et al.)
U. S. Serial No: To be assigned)
Filed: Herewith)
PCT International)
Application No: PCT/EP2003/013908)
Filed: 8 December 2003)
For: 17.BETA-(ALPHA-HYDROXY)-ESTERS OF)
ANDROSTANES AS INTERMEDIATES FOR THE)
PREPARATION OF 17.BETA.-FLUORINATED-)
ANDROSTANE ESTERS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims appear in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

10/538083
JC17 Rec'd PCT/PTO 08 JUN 2005

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

DOCKET NO.: 27419/240

APPLICANT(S): BORIANI, et al.

TITLE: 17.BETA-(ALPHA-HYDROXY)-ESTERS OF ANDROSTANES AS
INTERMEDIATES FOR THE PREPARATION OF 17.BETA-FLUORINATED-
ANDROSTANE ESTERS

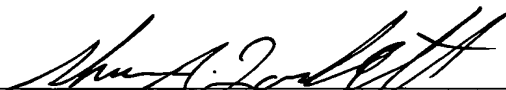
Certificate is attached to the copy of the Preliminary
Amendment (6 pages) of the above-named application.

"EXPRESS MAIL" NUMBER: EV652970554US

DATE OF DEPOSIT: June 8, 2005

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being
deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post
Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date
indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for
Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Shawn A. Lockett
(Typed or printed name of person
mailing paper or fee)


(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)